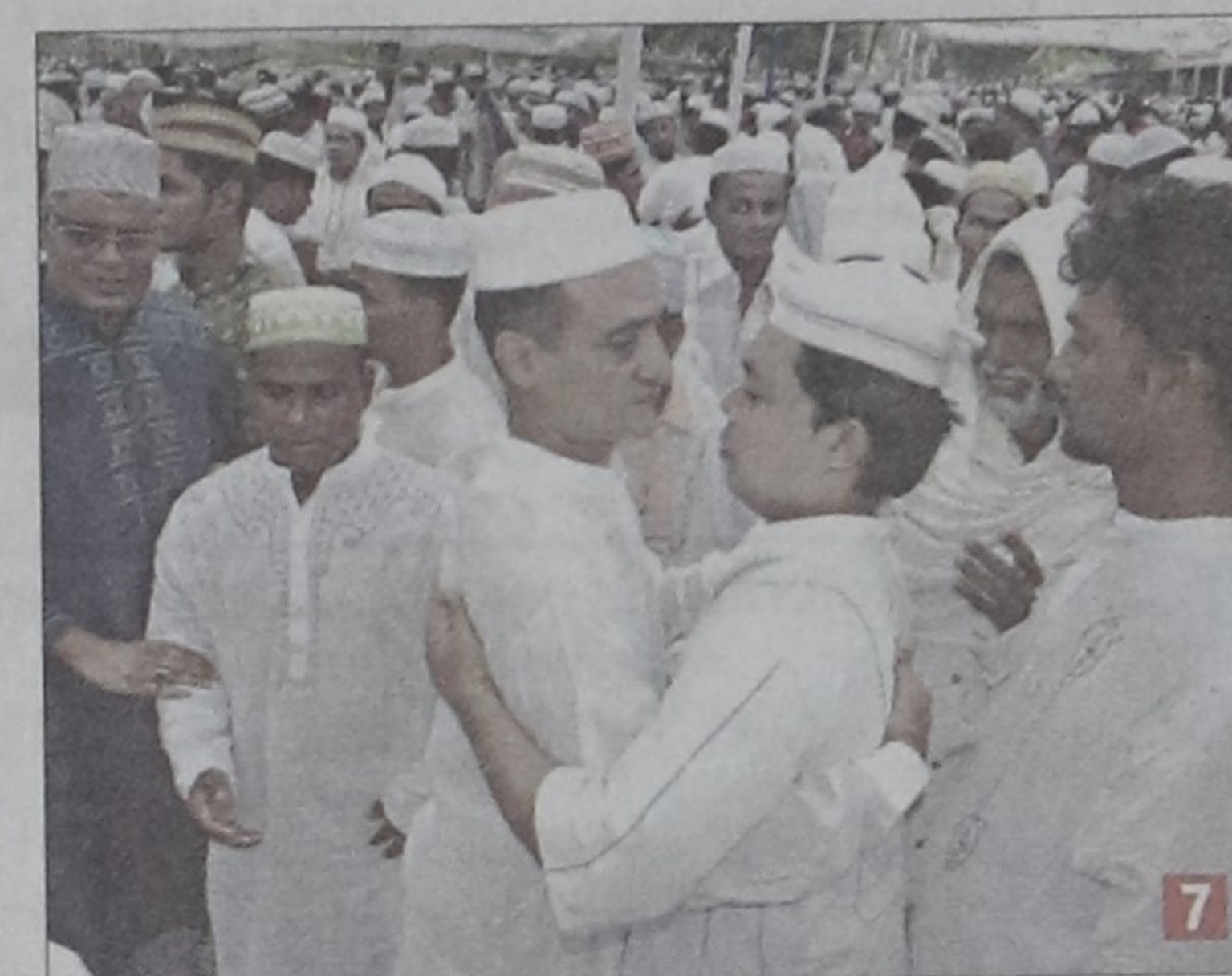


EID IN PICTURE



1) A large number of people throng the Shishu Park in the city on Friday, the day after Eid-ul-Fitr. 2) President Iajuddin Ahmed exchanges Eid greetings with distinguished personalities at Bangabhaban on Eid day. 3) Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed exchanges Eid greetings with foreign diplomats at the Chief Adviser's Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on Eid day. 4) Dhakabasi, an organisation of city dwellers, takes out a colourful procession in the city on Friday. 5) BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia exchanges Eid greetings with US Ambassador James F Moriarty at the Ladies Club in the city on Eid day. 6) Awami League leaders exchange Eid greetings with acting party president Zillur Rahman at his Gulshan residence in the city on Eid day. 7) IG-prison Brig Gen Zakir Hassan exchanges Eid greetings with the prisoners at Dhaka Central Jail on Eid day. 8) People in large number throng Patenga beach in Chittagong during Eid holidays. 9) A family enjoys a ride on horse-drawn carriage in the city during Eid holidays. 10) Vendors selling dolls near Shishu Park.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS \$165m ADB loan to boost pvt sector

USB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will mobilise massive private sector funds to invest in much-needed infrastructure projects with the help of a \$165 million loan being provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The donor-funded Public-Private Infrastructure Development Facility will catalyse private sector investments of up to \$600 million to finance 15 to 20 projects, mostly in energy. The energy sector schemes will add at least 900 megawatts of power generation capacity, providing electricity to about 100,000 more households through the renewable energy programme.

ADB is providing \$82 million to help finance large infrastructure projects worth more than \$30 million each, \$50 million to assist small and medium-sized energy projects with a total project cost size not more than \$30 million each, and \$33 million to promote renewable energy.

A \$500,000 technical assistance grant will also be provided for training and support, says an ADB news release received Friday from the Asian funding agency's headquarters in Manila.

Bangladesh's public invest-

2 children drown in Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A boy and his sister drowned in the river Buriganga in the capital when their boat capsized after being hit by a launch on October 1, a day before Eid.

The body of eight-year-old boy Rafiq was found a day after Eid and the body of his eight-month-old sister Pakhion the night of October 3.

Their father Abdur Rashid, a factory worker, his wife and two other children were also on the boat but they managed to survive.

The tragedy struck the family when they were going to their village home in Shariatpur to celebrate Eid.

Police said Rashid of Aganagar, South Keraniganj, hired a boat to reach a launch at Sadarghat in the morning on the day. But on their way, another launch hit the boat, capsizing it instantly.

Eid celebrated with a call to save Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Like previous years, the city people under the banner of 'Dhakabasi' brought out a joyous procession in the capital on Friday to mark the holy Eid-ul-Fitr.

With the slogan 'Save Buriganga-the lifeline of Dhaka' the procession started from the Shishu Academy in the afternoon and ended at Hazaribagh Park after passing through different parts of old Dhaka.

Prior to the procession, a traditional cultural programme was held with the participation of children, adolescents and adults. Adviser to cultural affairs ministry Rasheda K Choudhury was the chief guest at the programme.

Flying of kites and balloons, display of posters and banners, and torchion rides were the main attraction.

Alongside, local band party, Kashida song of Jumun Mia and Samad Mia and Been of Abdur Kader added traditional flavour to the procession.

Former speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid, President of Workers' Party of Bangladesh Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh Mujahidul Islam Selim, Adviser of Dhakabasi organisation Nagina Chowdhury, former lawmaker Harunur Rashid, and Secretary General of National Youth Foundation Dulal Biswas also took part in the programme.

The function was presided over by Chief Adviser of the organisation Inam Ahmed Chowdhury while President of Dhakabasi Mohammad Shukur Salek and acting secretary general Shaheen Parveen delivered the welcome speech.

The speakers urged all to help improve surrounding environment of the river Buriganga.

They also called for building a park and play ground when the present Dhaka Central Jail will be removed from there, and preserving the old heritages at Shankhan Patti. Dhakabasi and Dhaka's 400 Years Celebration Committee also announced that 'Dhaka Youth Cultural Festival' would be organised in the first week of next month.

Myanmar vice-chairman arrives Oct 7

UNB, Dhaka

Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) Maung Aye will pay an official visit to Bangladesh from October 7-9, officials said.

Maung Aye, also Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief of the Army, will be visiting Bangladesh at the invitation of Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed. He will be accompanied by his spouse, Daw Mya Mya San.

The Myanmar leader will hold talks with Fakhruddin on October 7 and attend a banquet at Sonargaon Hotel on the same day.

He will call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban on October 8.

Maung Aye's itinerary includes visit to National Mausoleum at Savar, Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) at Mirpur and a tour of Ranganamati from where he will leave for Myanmar on October 9.

His visit is taking place after Bangladesh and Myanmar signed an agreement in Dhaka in July 2007 to establish a 25-kilometer direct road link between the two neighbours to boost trade and tourism.

The US\$20 million 'Friendship Road' from Gundhum in Cox's Bazar to Baulibazar in Myanmar was also designed to connect China's Kunming under tri-nation road connectivity which will give further access to Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore and to the Asian Highway.

Bangladesh and Myanmar have maintained exchange of high-level visits in recent years. In December 2002, Myanmar SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe visited Dhaka, while in 2003, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia went to Yangon, during which the two countries signed two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) on the establishment of a joint trade commission and an agreement on coastal and maritime shipping.

'No question of Oli joining 4-party alliance'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Secretary General Prof Jahanara Begum said there is no question of party President Col (retd) Oli Ahmed or any of his colleagues joining the BNP-led four-party alliance.

In a statement, she said Oli Ahmed did not contact BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia over telephone in this regard.

A report published in The Daily Star under the headline 'BNP tries to woo ex-colleagues to expand alliance' on September 27 quoted a BNP leader as claiming that Oli Ahmed contacted Khaleda over the phone recently.

Protesting the report, Prof Jahanara Begum said, "It is strongly reiterated that LDP is with the Awami League-led grand alliance and still remains with the alliance."

Four muggers arrested in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Four muggers were arrested in the port city yesterday while speeding away after snatching valuables from two women travelling in a rickshaw.

Sources said five muggers in a private car intercepted the rickshaw at Shahidnagar at around 6:00am and took away gold ornaments, mobile phone sets, watches and money from the two women.

Receiving information, a police patrol team took position in front of a filling station near Sholoshahar Railway Station and intercepted the car coming from No 2 Gate area.

The muggers then tried to run away, but the police managed to catch four of them. Three mobile phones and two gold ornaments were recovered from their possession.

The police also recovered three lethal weapons and a dagger from their possession.

The arrestees are Md Badsha, 22, Md Ershadul, 24, Jewel, 20, and Zahid Hossain, 24.



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